



Melissa Lacle is named Miss Universe Aruba 2005

In what could be described the most as the glamorous night of the year, ten beautiful young ladies, in gorgeous couture from the design house of Ronchi de Cuba competed for the title of Miss Universe Aruba on Saturday night.

The Palm Beach Ballroom of the Wyndham Resort, Spa & Casino was standing room only as the young women glided about the stage and top entertainers from Aruba and Venezuela put on a sensational show. Aruban singer Landa Henriquez performed her hit "Mujer Cuarenta" and the Venezuelan duo "Los Hidalgos" serenaded the lovely contenders for the honor of representing Aruba in the Miss Universe pageant in Thailand next year.

Edjean Semeleer sang selections from his tribute CD to Aruba "Mi Pais" in both English and Papiamentu as he escorted the five finalists on the stage.

There were no surprises as Melissa Lacle, winner of the Miss Elegancia title, most photogenic, and other miscellaneous titles throughout the weeks of competition was named Miss Universe Aruba. Judges selected Zahira van de Linde as runner up, and she will represent Aruba in the Miss World competition in China. After the pageant show, sponsors of the event and VIPS enjoyed a coronation party in the Royal Cabaret Lounge hosted by the Wyndham Resort and Star Promotions, organizers of the pageant. Congratulations to the beautiful winners!